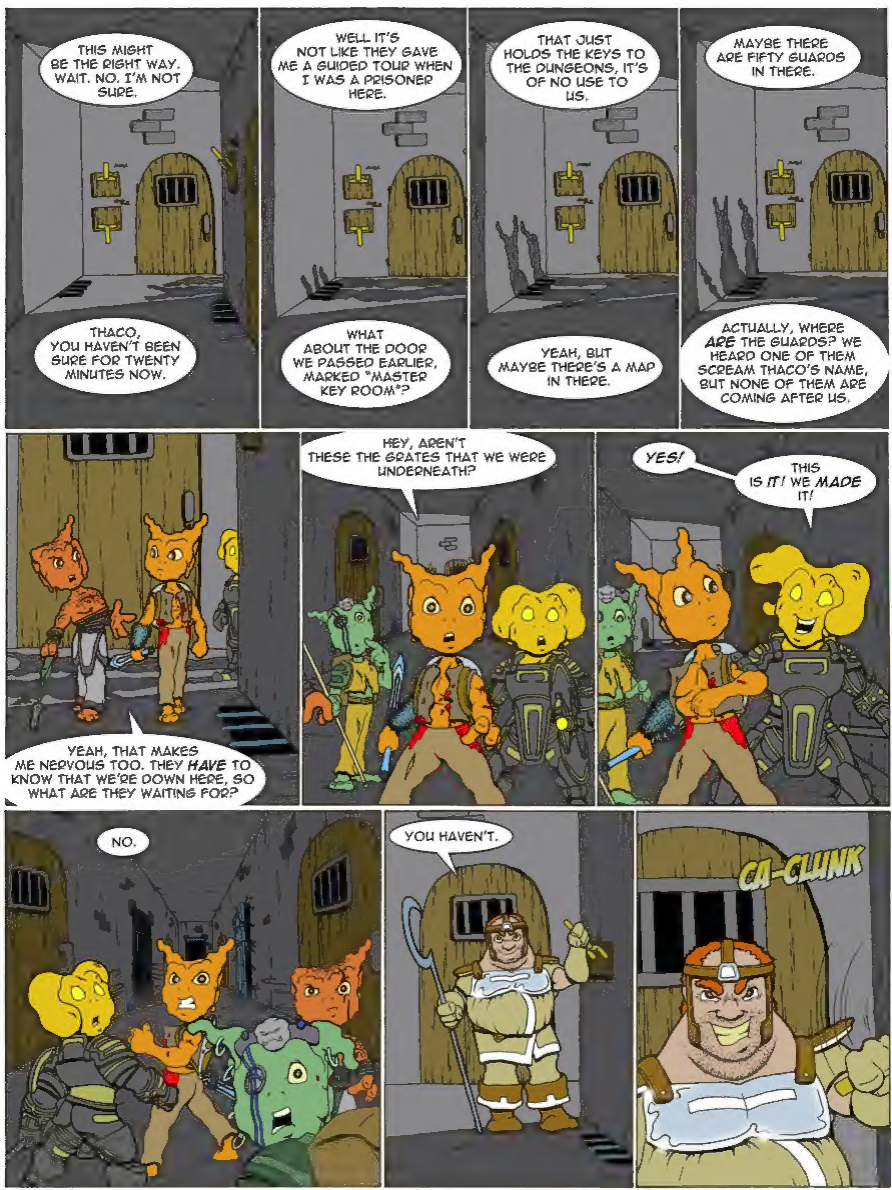
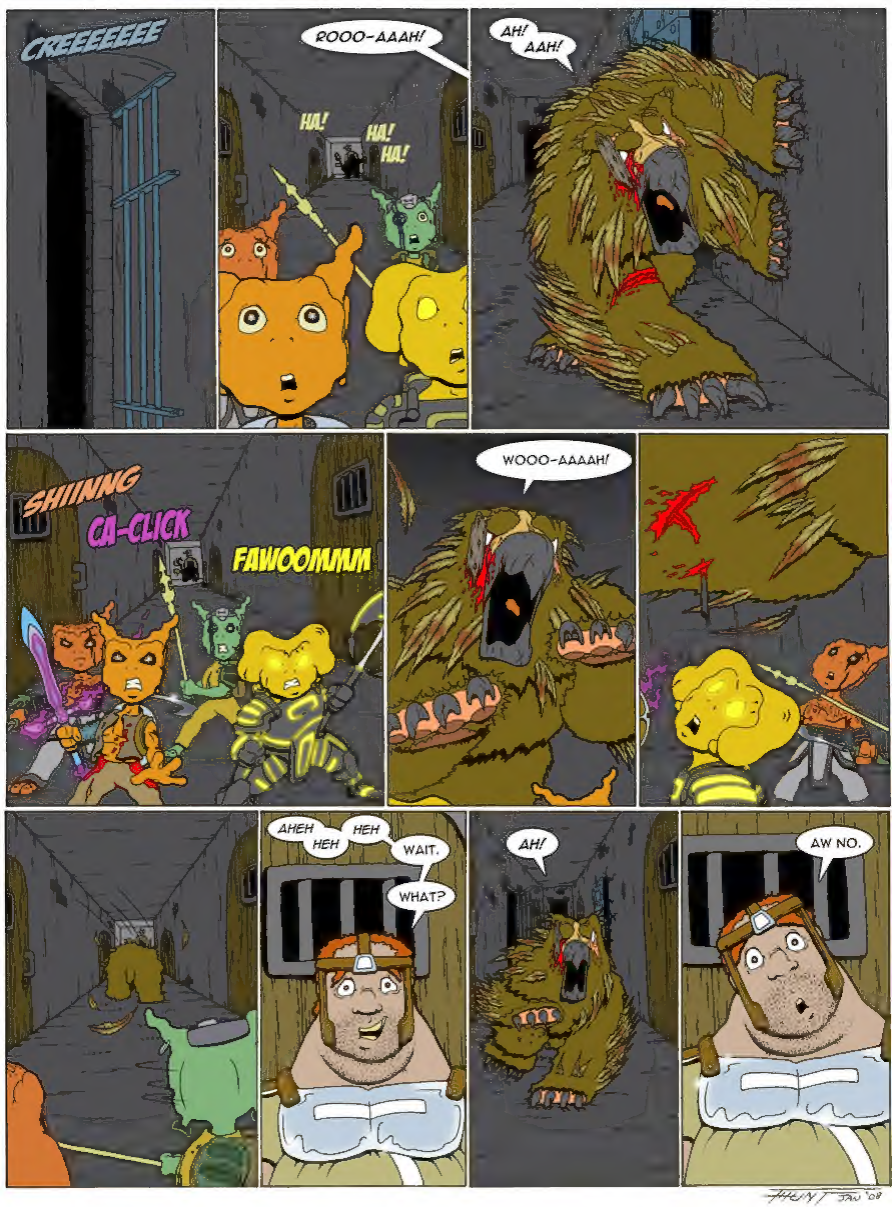
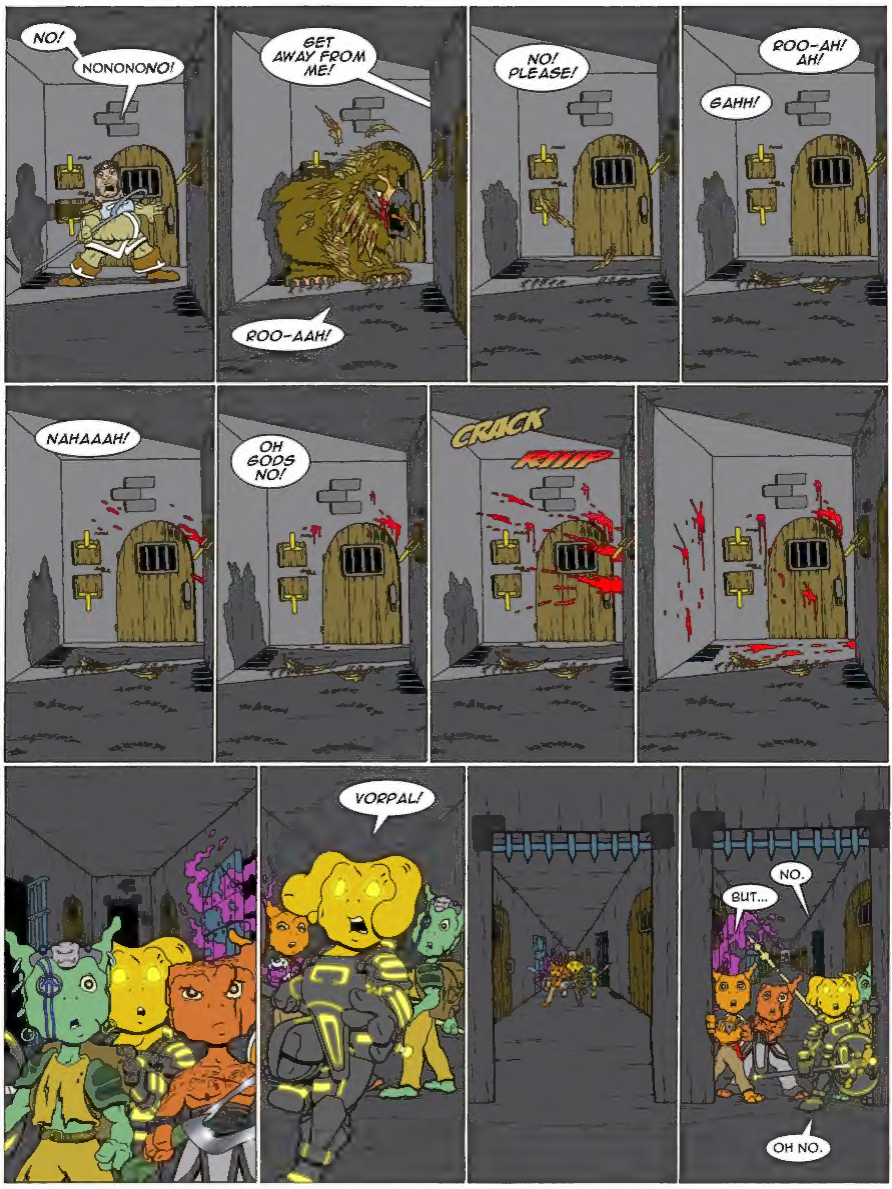
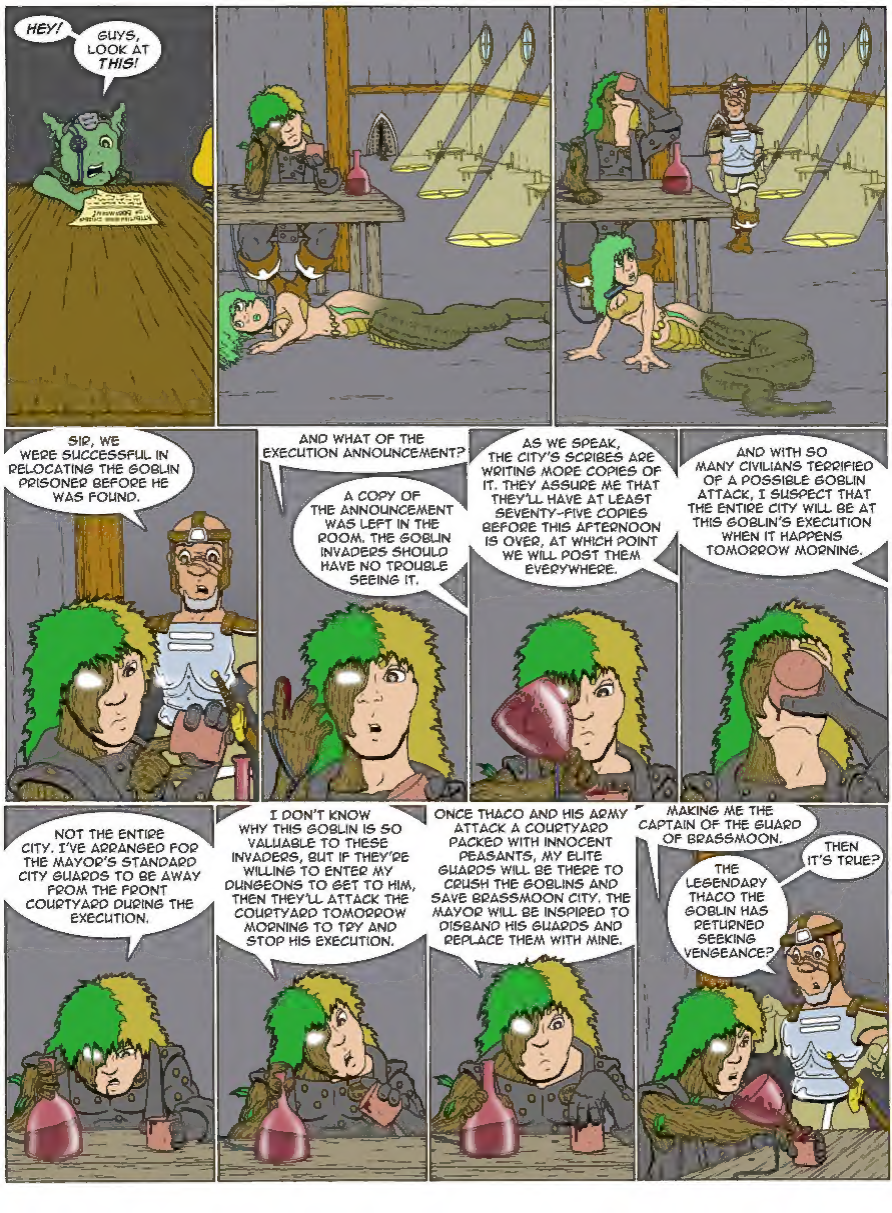

THIS MIGHT BE THE RIGHT WAY. WAIT. NO. I'M NOT SURE.
THACO, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SURE FOR TWENTY MINUTES NOW.
WELL IT'S NOT LIKE THEY GAVE ME A GUIDED TOUR WHEN I WAS A PRISONER HERE.
WHAT ABOUT THE DOOR WE PASSED EARLIER, MARKED "MASTER KEY ROOM"?
THAT JUST HOLDS THE KEYS TO THE DUNGEONS, IT'S OF NO USE TO US.
YEAH, BUT MAYBE THERE'S A MAP IN THERE.
MAYBE THERE ARE FIFTY GUARDS IN THERE.
ACTUALLY, WHERE ARE THE GUARDS? WE HEARD ONE OF THEM SCREAM THACO'S NAME, BUT NONE OF THEM ARE COMING AFTER US.
YEAH, THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS TOO. THEY HAVE TO KNOW THAT WE'RE DOWN HERE, SO WHAT ARE THEY WAITING FOR?
HEY, AREN'T THESE THE GRATES THAT WE WERE UNDERNEATH?
YES!
THIS IS IT! WE MADE IT!
NO.
YOU HAVEN'T.
CA-CLUNK


CREEEEEEEE
ROOO-AAAH!
HA!
HA!
HA!
AH!
AAH!
SHIIING
CA-CLICK
FAWOOMMM
WOOO-AAAAH!
AHEH
HEH
HEH
WAIT.
WHAT?
AH!
AW NO.


NO!
NONONONO!
GET AWAY FROM ME!
ROO-AAH!
NO! PLEASE!
ROO-AH! AH!
GAHH!
NAHAAAH!
OH GODS NO!
CRACK
RIIIP
VORPAL!
NO.
BUT...
OH NO.

BLEED FOR ME, THACO.
YOU UPGRADED YOUR EQUIPMENT, YOU SON OF A BITCH.
MAYBE WE MADE A MISTAKE. MAYBE THIS IS THE WRONG ROOM.
THIS IS THE RIGHT ROOM.


HEY!
GUYS, LOOK AT THIS!
SIR, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN RELOCATING THE GOBLIN PRISONER BEFORE HE WAS FOUND.
AND WHAT OF THE EXECUTION ANNOUNCEMENT?
A COPY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS LEFT IN THE ROOM. THE GOBLIN INVADERS SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE SEEING IT.
AS WE SPEAK, THE CITY'S SCRIBES ARE WRITING MORE COPIES OF IT. THEY ASSURE ME THAT THEY'LL HAVE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE COPIES BEFORE THIS AFTERNOON IS OVER, AT WHICH POINT WE WILL POST THEM EVERYWHERE.
AND WITH SO MANY CIVILIANS TERRIFIED OF A POSSIBLE GOBLIN ATTACK, I SUSPECT THAT THE ENTIRE CITY WILL BE AT THIS GOBLIN'S EXECUTION WHEN IT HAPPENS TOMORROW MORNING.
NOT THE ENTIRE CITY. I'VE ARRANGED FOR THE MAYOR'S STANDARD CITY GUARDS TO BE AWAY FROM THE FRONT COURTYARD DURING THE EXECUTION.
I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS GOBLIN IS SO VALUABLE TO THESE INVADERS, BUT IF THEY'RE WILLING TO ENTER MY DUNGEONS TO GET TO HIM, THEN THEY'LL ATTACK THE COURTYARD TOMORROW MORNING TO TRY AND STOP HIS EXECUTION.
ONCE THACO AND HIS ARMY ATTACK A COURTYARD PACKED WITH INNOCENT PEASANTS, MY ELITE GUARDS WILL BE THERE TO CRUSH THE GOBLINS AND SAVE BRASSMOON CITY. THE MAYOR WILL BE INSPIRED TO DISBAND HIS GUARDS AND REPLACE THEM WITH MINE.
MAKING ME THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD OF BRASSMOON.
THEN IT'S TRUE?
THE LEGENDARY THACO THE GOBLIN HAS RETURNED SEEKING VENGEANCE?

LEGENDARY?
THUMP
WELL... THE RUMOURS HAVE BEEN SPREADING AND ALL THE MEN ARE TALKING...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES SOMEONE LEGENDARY?
IT'S HOW BADLY YOUR ENEMIES WANT TO KILL YOU. THE GOBLINS OF THIS REALM WOULD SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR A CHANCE AT MY THROAT. THEY ALL WANT TO BE THE ONE TO KILL THE MIGHTY GOBLINSLAYER BECAUSE I AM ONE OF THE GREATEST HEROES THIS WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.
WHEN I DO DIE, THE EVIL CREATURES OF THIS LAND WILL REJOICE. THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A LEGEND.
LOW LEVEL MONSTERS CANNOT BE LEGENDS.
WELL I JUST MEANT THAT THACO IS THE ONLY MONSTER TO SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPE YOUR DUNGEONS AND SO...
...
THWUMP
THACO IS CURRENTLY IN THE CITY, IS HE NOT?! I AM GOING TO KILL HIM TOMORROW, YES?! THEREFORE, HIS ESCAPE IS A FAILURE!
AND WHEN THE WHOLE CITY WATCHES ME KILL HIM, THEY WILL FORGET HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FORGET HIS NAME AND I WILL ONCE AGAIN BE COMPARED TO PERFECTION.
I WILL KILL HIM FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO MY STATUS AND MY HOME. I WILL KILL HIM FOR SARAL CAINE.
I WOULD SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR A CHANCE AT HIS THROAT.

ALL THAT TIME SPENT TRUDGING THROUGH THE SEWERS AND WE DIDN'T FIND NOTHING!
THOSE GOBLINS KNOW HOW TO HIDE, THAT'S FOR SURE.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS STANDING AROUND FOR?!
WHAT?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? ONE OF THE PRISONERS IS LOOSE!
ROO-AAH!
WATCH ITS CLAWS!
AH!
AH!
WHERE ARE THE HALBERDS? SOMEONE GET SOME LONGER WEAPONS OVER HERE!
HRRRAAA!
SHUNK
SHU-CLISH
AH!
GAKK!
I SAID WATCH THE CLAWS!
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, MEN!
SMASH

CRICK
FWIP
AH!
-2
CLUNNG
GASP!
COFF
NO ONE KILL HIM. YOU THERE, THROUGH THE DOOR JUST AROUND THIS CORNER ARE SOME BANDAGES. GET SOME AND BIND HIS WOUNDS. QUICKLY.
YES SIR.
-2
HUFF
HUFF

YOU TWO, GO GET ONE OF THE LARGE STRETCHERS AND USE IT TO TAKE THE BEAST TO A CLASS THREE CELL.
YES SIR.
WHAT? BUT SIR, AREN'T WE GOING TO KILL IT?
NOT YET.
THIS CREATURE KILLED SOME OF MY MEN AND FOR THAT I'M GOING TO KEEP IT ALIVE FOR THREE, MAYBE FOUR MONTHS OF CONSTANT, INTENSE PAIN.
YOU. FINISH UP AND COME WITH ME. WE HAVE TO GATHER EVERYONE AND PREPARE FOR TOMORROW.
-3
YOU HEAR THAT, MONSTER?! THE CAPTAIN'S GONNA MAKE YOU SCREAM FOR MONTHS! AND WE WON'T LET YOU DIE FOR A VERY LONG TIME!
C'MON MAN, LET'S JUST GET THAT STRETCHER.
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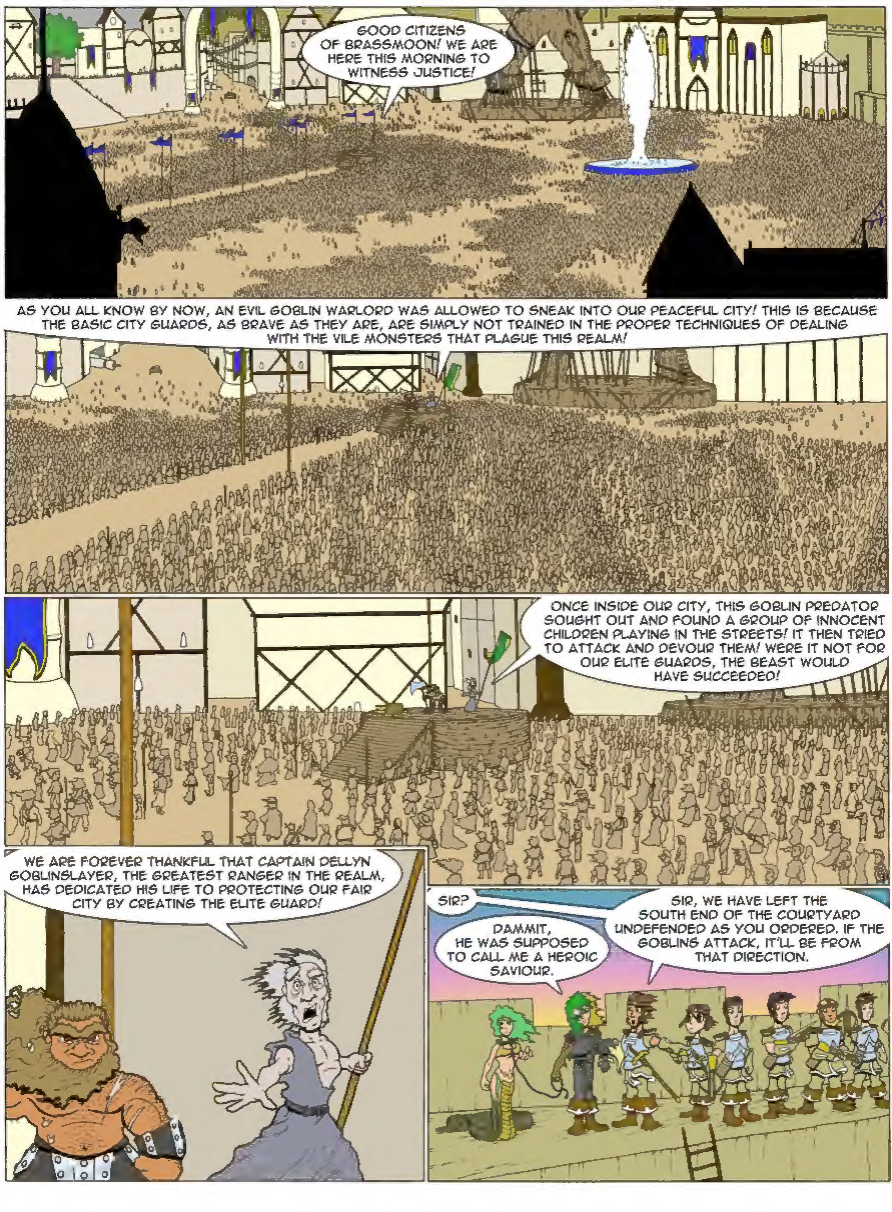
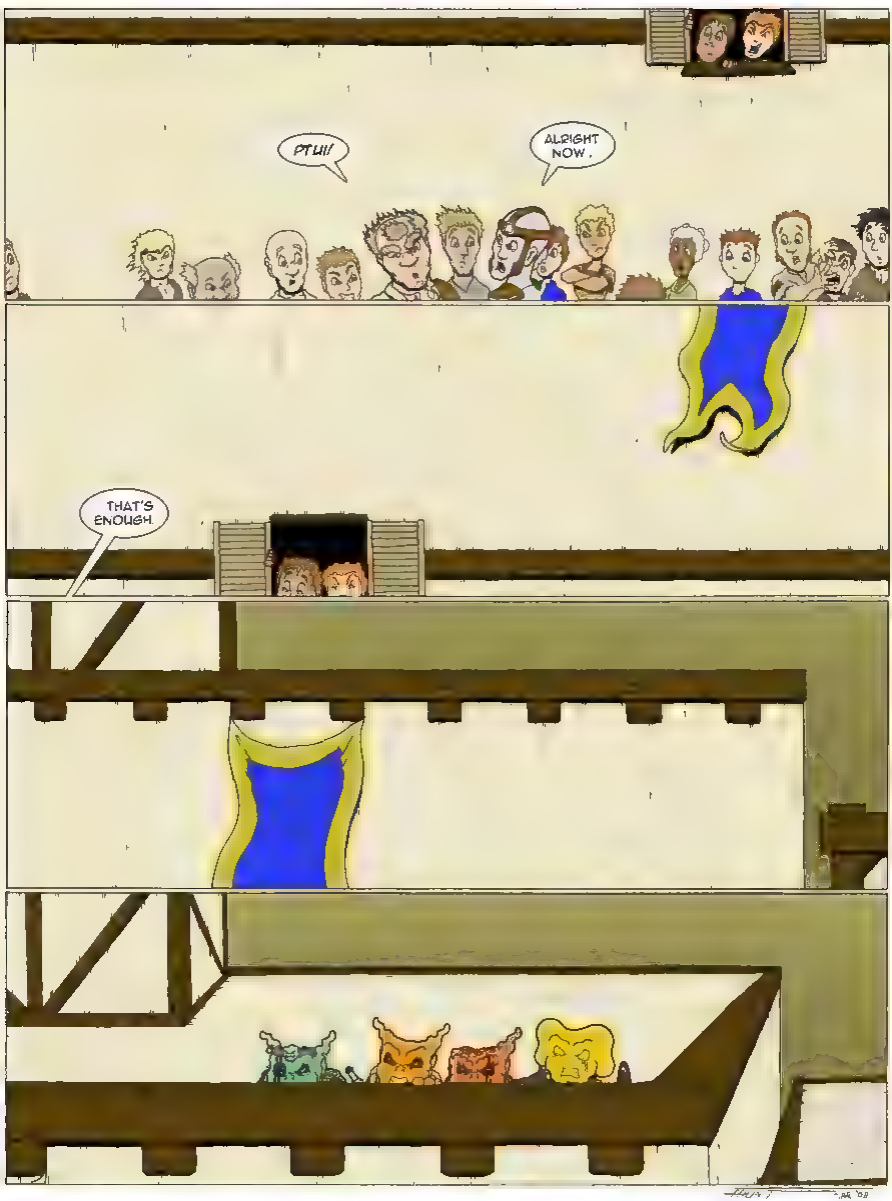
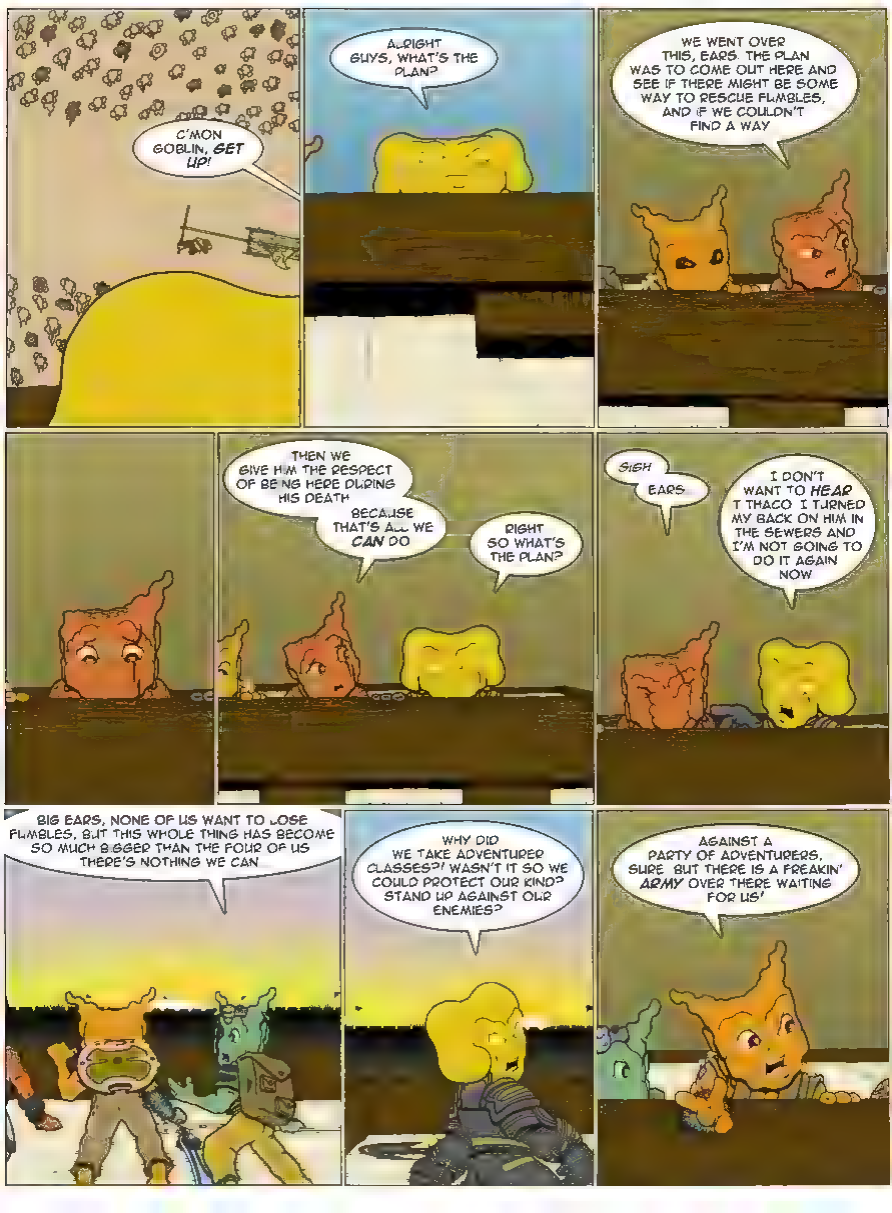
HUFF
HUFF
-3
1
-3
HUFF
-3
SNAP

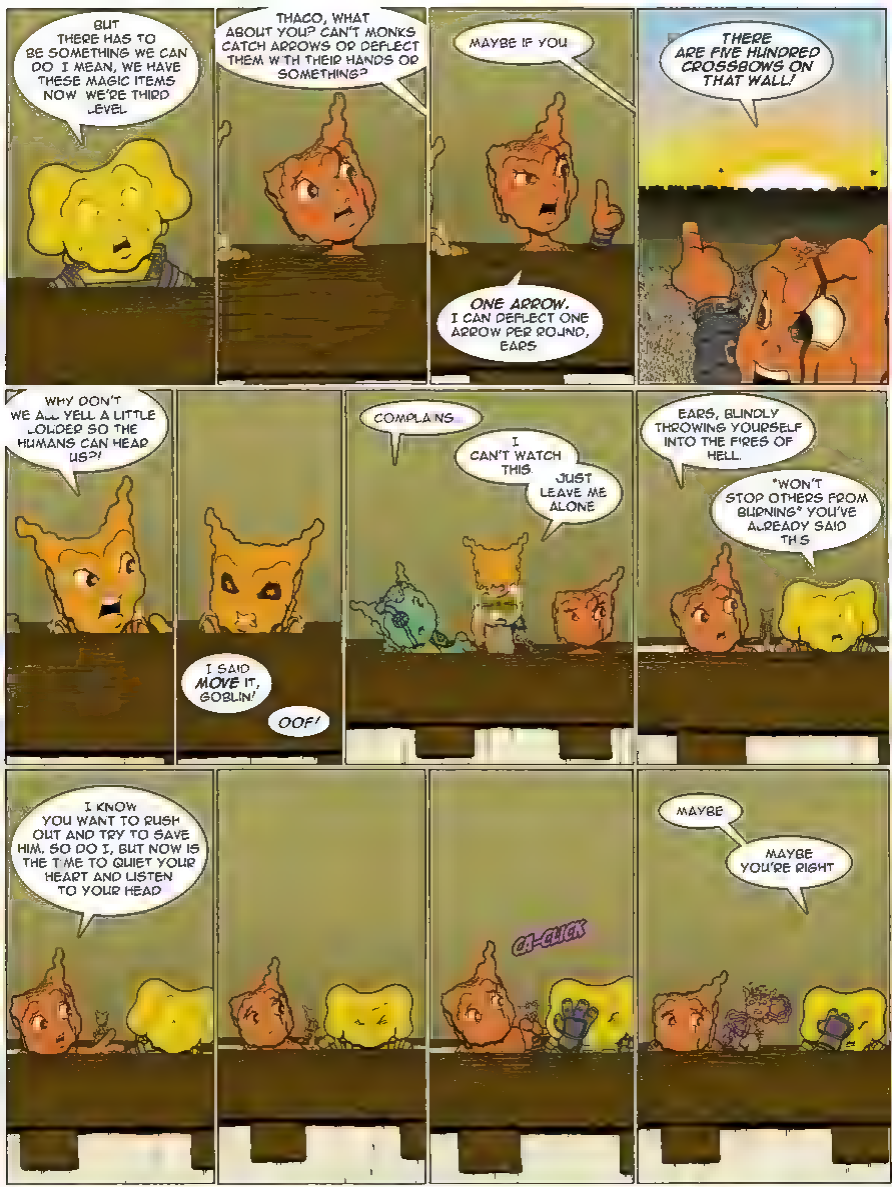

GOOD CITIZENS OF BRASSMOON! WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO WITNESS JUSTICE!
AS YOU ALL KNOW BY NOW, AN EVIL GOBLIN WARLORD WAS ALLOWED TO SNEAK INTO OUR PEACEFUL CITY! THIS IS BECAUSE THE BASIC CITY GUARDS, AS BRAVE AS THEY ARE, ARE SIMPLY NOT TRAINED IN THE PROPER TECHNIQUES OF DEALING WITH THE VILE MONSTERS THAT PLAGUE THIS REALM!
ONCE INSIDE OUR CITY, THIS GOBLIN PREDATOR SOUGHT OUT AND FOUND A GROUP OF INNOCENT CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE STREETS! IT THEN TRIED TO ATTACK AND DEVOUR THEM! WERE IT NOT FOR OUR ELITE GUARDS, THE BEAST WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED!
WE ARE FOREVER THANKFUL THAT CAPTAIN DELLYN GOBLINSLAYER, THE GREATEST RANGER IN THE REALM, HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO PROTECTING OUR FAIR CITY BY CREATING THE ELITE GUARD!
SIR?
DAMMIT, HE WAS SUPPOSED TO CALL ME A HEROIC SAVIOUR.
SIR, WE HAVE LEFT THE SOUTH END OF THE COURTYARD UNDEFENDED AS YOU ORDERED. IF THE GOBLINS ATTACK, IT'LL BE FROM THAT DIRECTION.

HOWEVER, W.TH THE CROWD AS THICK AS IT IS THE CIVILIAN CASUALT ES WILL BE H GH
GOOD WE'LL BE TEACHING THESE PEASANTS A LESSON BY GIV NG THEM A TASTE OF THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THEY'D ALWAYS FACE IF IT WEREN'T FOR OUR PRESENCE
AND NOW, IN ACCORDANCE W TH THE LAWS OF OUR GOOD CITY, I BRING YOU THE JUST EXECUTION OF THAT UNNATURAL CREATURE!
STILL WEARING THE CRUEL ARMOUR OF ITS MIGHTY CLAN, THIS MONSTER TAKES PLEASURE ONLY IN THE PAIN OF OTHERS!
DO NOT BE FOOLED BY ITS SIZE, GOOD CITIZENS!
A GOBLIN CAN TEAR THE HEAD OFF A CHILD IN A SINGLE ROUND!
AND FOR THAT REASON, I URGE ALL MOTHERS TO KEEP THEIR YOUNG ONES BACK!
WE WILL SHOW THESE MONSTERS THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE UNPROVOKED ATTACKS ON OUR CITY!

HMMM!
ROT IN HELL, GOBLIN!
AH!
AHJH
UUH!
AAH!
AHA!

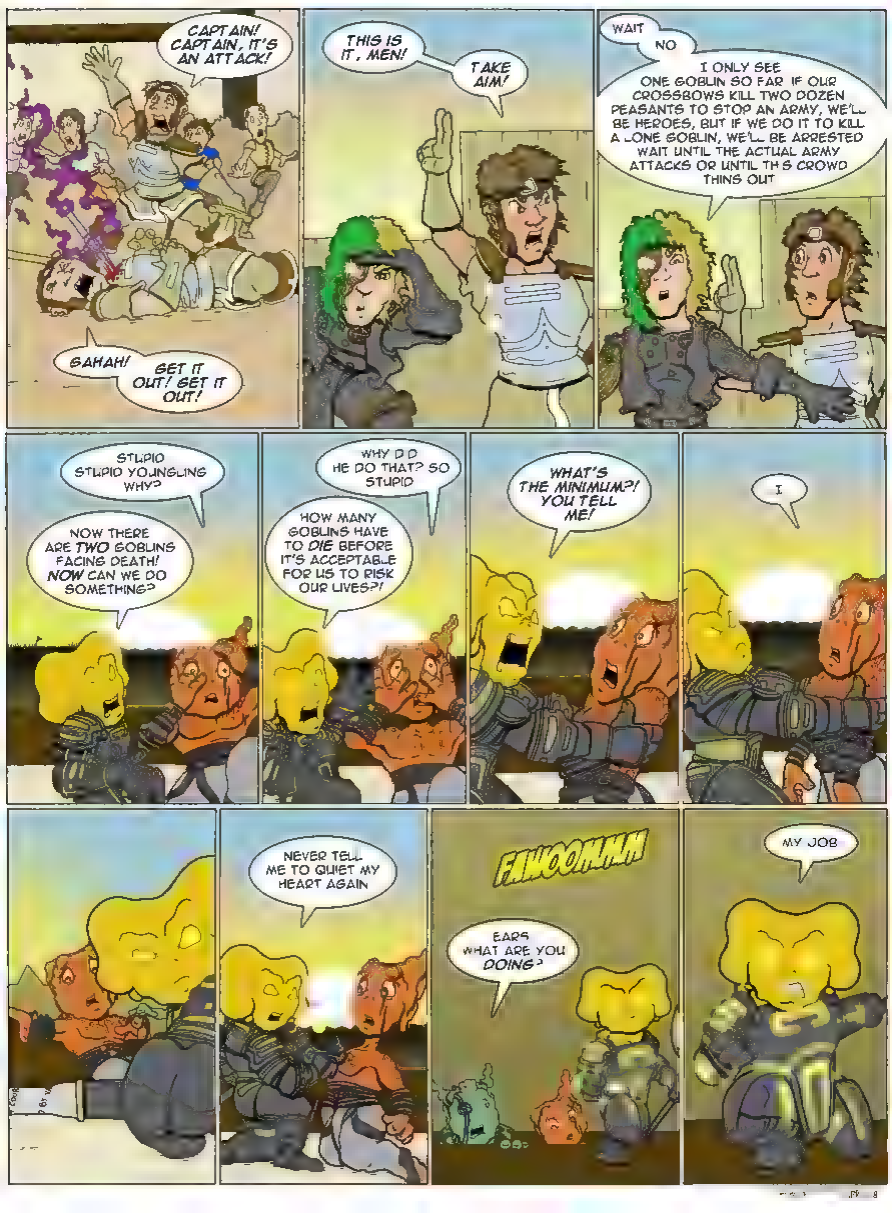

PTUI!
ALRIGHT NOW.
THAT'S ENOUGH.


C'MON GOBLIN, GET UP!
ALRIGHT GUYS, WHAT'S THE PLAN?
WE WENT OVER THIS, EARS. THE PLAN WAS TO COME OUT HERE AND SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE SOME WAY TO RESCUE FUMBLES, AND IF WE COULDN'T FIND A WAY
THEN WE GIVE HIM THE RESPECT OF BEING HERE DURING HIS DEATH
BECAUSE THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO
RIGHT SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?
SIGH
EARS...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR T THACO I TURNED MY BACK ON HIM IN THE SEWERS AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT AGAIN NOW
BIG EARS, NONE OF US WANT TO LOSE FUMBLES, BUT THIS WHOLE THING HAS BECOME SO MUCH BIGGER THAN THE FOUR OF US THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN
WHY DID WE TAKE ADVENTURER CLASSES?! WASN'T IT SO WE COULD PROTECT OUR KIND? STAND UP AGAINST OUR ENEMIES?
AGAINST A PARTY OF ADVENTURERS, SURE. BUT THERE IS A FREAKIN' ARMY OVER THERE WAITING FOR US!


BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO I MEAN, WE HAVE THESE MAGIC ITEMS NOW WE'RE THIRD LEVEL
THACO, WHAT ABOUT YOU? CAN'T MONKS CATCH ARROWS OR DEFLECT THEM W TH THEIR HANDS OR SOMETHING?
MAYBE IF YOU
ONE ARROW. I CAN DEFLECT ONE ARROW PER ROUND, EARS
THERE ARE FIVE HUNDRED CROSSBOWS ON THAT WALL!
WHY DON'T WE ALL YELL A LITTLE LOUDER SO THE HUMANS CAN HEAR US?!
I SAID MOVE IT, GOBLIN!
OOF!
COMPLAINS
I CAN'T WATCH THIS
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
EARS, BLINDLY THROWING YOURSELF INTO THE FIRES OF HELL.
WON'T STOP OTHERS FROM BURNING YOU'VE ALREADY SAID TH S
I KNOW YOU WANT TO RUSH OUT AND TRY TO SAVE HIM. SO DO I, BUT NOW IS THE T ME TO QUIET YOUR HEART AND LISTEN TO YOUR HEAD
CA-CLICK
MAYBE
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT

NO!
GRRRRRRRAAAAAAAAAAAA!

CRUNK
NAA!
SNAP
AAH!
WHOA!
THWUMP
THWACK
THUD
AAAH!
EEE!
GOBLIN ATTACK!
HELP US!
GRAAAAA!


CAPTAIN! CAPTAIN, IT'S AN ATTACK!
GAHAH! GET IT OUT! GET IT OUT!
THIS IS IT, MEN!
TAKE AIM!
WAIT
NO
I ONLY SEE ONE GOBLIN SO FAR IF OUR CROSSBOWS KILL TWO DOZEN PEASANTS TO STOP AN ARMY, WE'LL BE HEROES, BUT IF WE DO IT TO KILL A LONE GOBLIN, WE'LL BE ARRESTED WAIT UNTIL THE ACTUAL ARMY ATTACKS OR UNTIL THIS CROWD THINS OUT
STUPID STUPID YOUNGLING WHY?
NOW THERE ARE TWO GOBLINS FACING DEATH! NOW CAN WE DO SOMETHING?
WHY DID HE DO THAT? SO STUPID
HOW MANY GOBLINS HAVE TO DIE BEFORE IT'S ACCEPTABLE FOR US TO RISK OUR LIVES?!
WHAT'S THE MINIMUM?! YOU TELL ME!
I
NEVER TELL ME TO QUIET MY HEART AGAIN
FAWOOHMM
EARS WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MY JOB

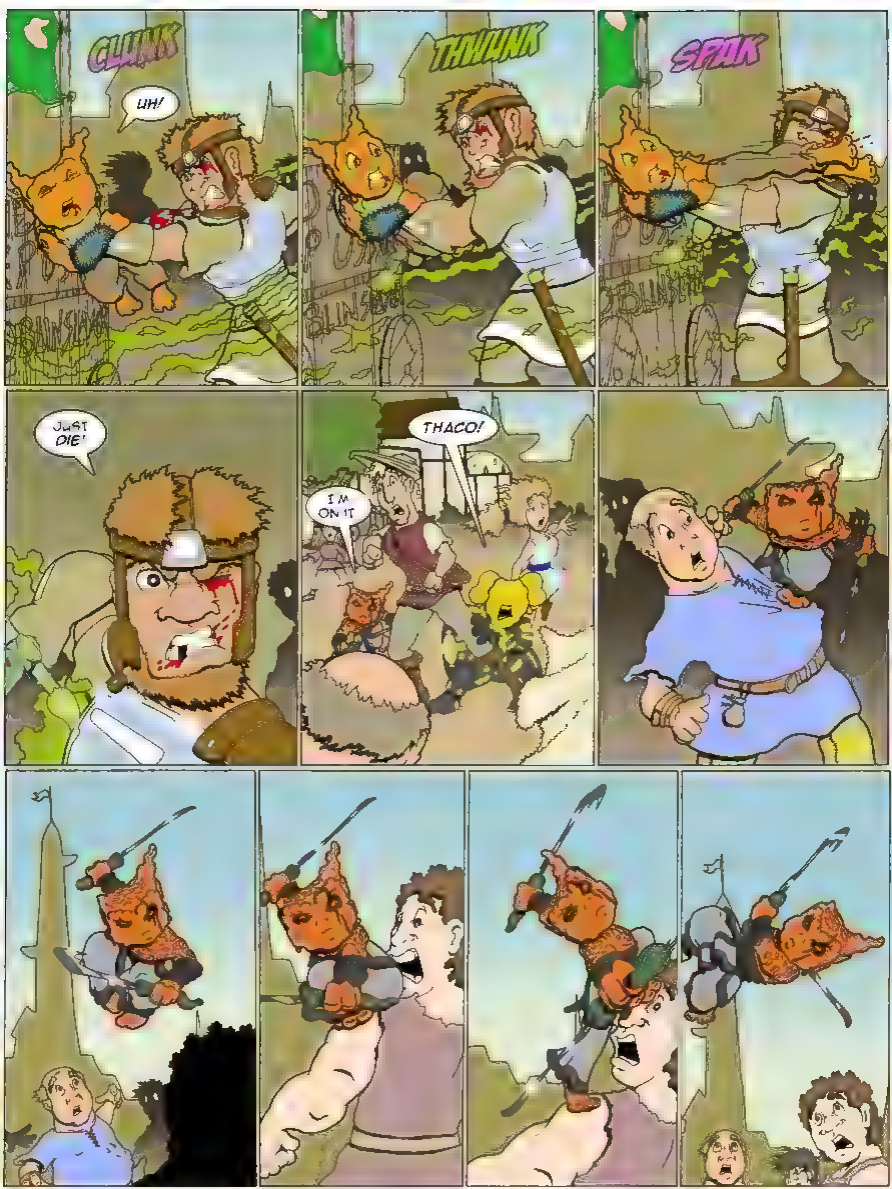
HEY!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU!? HOW CAN YOU JUST LET YOUR SON DIE!?
WE ARE NOT JUMPING OFF THIS ROOF TO OUR DEATHS!
WE'RE JUMPING OFF *THAT* ROOF TO OUR DEATHS.
IT'S GOT A TREE.

CHIEF, YOU STAY UP HERE AND COVER US WITH YOUR SPEAR
NO
WHAT?
I'LL HIT A LOT OF THOSE OTHER HUMANS, THE ONES WHO ARE JUST SCARED
HE'S RIGHT! MOST OF THE HUMANS DOWN THERE AREN'T EVIL.
THACO, I KNOW I SHOULD GO DOWN THERE WITH YOU, BUT I JUST CAN'T .. I...
OKAY LISTEN, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO OPEN A CITY GATE?
OPEN A...
OF COURSE NOT.
WELL, WHEN YOU GET THERE, LEARN THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR EXIT.
C'MON, WE HAVE TO GO!
STAY ON THESE ROOFTOPS AND GO AROUND THE COURTYARD
BUT WHY CAN'T WE JUST ESCAPE THROUGH THE SEWERS?

GET THIS SWORD OUTTA ME!
I'M TRYING!
THWACK
AAH!
THUMP
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT THROUGH THIS PANICKED CROWD!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO
WE'LL HAVE TO CUT OUR WAY THROUGH THEM.
NO! THOSE ARE INNOCENT HUMANS!
SHIING
SHARK
THAT'S MY SON OVER THERE!
ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WE START HACKING OUR WAY OVER TO COMPLAINS
ONE
. TWO
HEAR ME HUMANS!
I AM FLESH RIPPER THE GOBLIN! I HAVE COME TO DEVOUR YOUR SOULS AND BATHE IN YOUR BLOOD!

WHAT IS GOING ON OVER THERE?
I CAN'T TELL, SIR
I WILL DRAG YOU SCREAMING, INTO THE DEEPEST PITS OF HELL WHERE YOU WILL ROAST IN THE HOTTEST FIRES UNTIL THE NEWEST GODS HAVE GROWN ANCIENT!
THERE SHALL BE NO ESCAPE, ONLY YOUR MOLTEN GASPS OF AGONY!
RAAAAAH!
AAAH
OH NO!
RUN!
RUN FROM FLESH RIPPER!
HELP US!
WE MUST RUN AWAY!
CLUNK
OUR PATH IS CLEAR LET'S GO

IT'S STUCK IN YOUR BREAST PLATE!
GAAH! YOU'RE KILLING ME!
YES!
GRUNK
GRAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!
CU-CLICK
THONK
GRAAA!
AAH!
GRRRRRRRR
Ow
MY
WURRRRR!

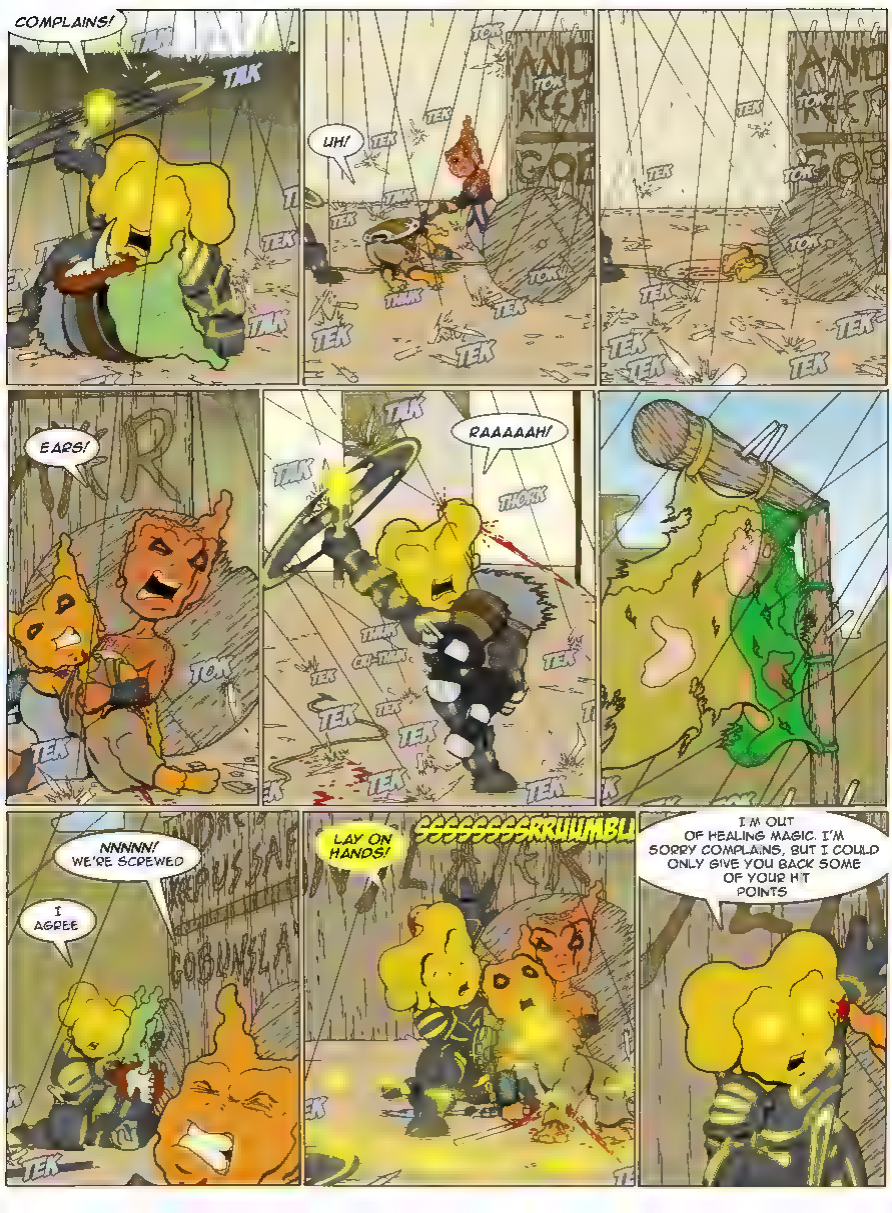

CLUNK
UH!
THWUNK
SPAK
JUST DIE!
I'M ON IT
THACO!

SLUSH
CLI-CHUNK
FUMBLES
EARS, GET OVER HERE AND HURRY, THIS CROWD OF HUMANS.
.S THINNING. WIPE OUT THAT SMALL GROUP OF GOBLINS.
PREPARE TO FIRE!

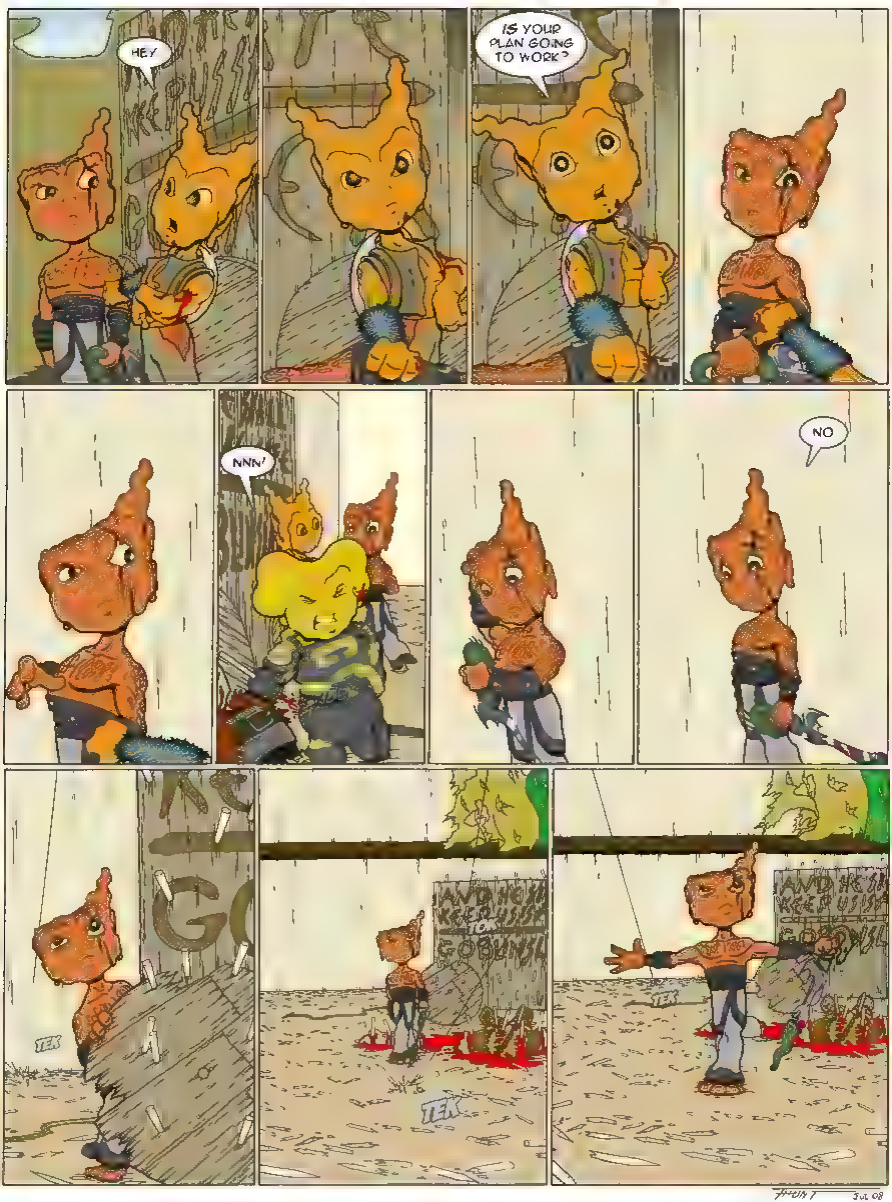
VORPAL!
CA-CLANG
LAY ON HANDS!
SSSSSSSSS
SSSSSSSRRUUMBLE
IT'S ME VORPAL! IT'S BIG EARS I'M
HERE
LET ME SEE YOUR ARM
DON'T TOUCH IT DON'T
TOUAAAH!
THE BONE IS BROKEN IN MANY PLACES
YA THINK?!
EARS AND CHEF CAN'T HEAL THIS. THEIR MAGICS CAN GIVE YOU BACK YOUR HIT POINTS BUT THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO MEND THIS SHATTERED BONE

UNLESS YOU KNOW A HIGH LEVEL CLERIC WITH MORE POWERFUL HEALING SPELLS, YOUR ARM WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
WHERE'S CHIEF?
HE'S GONE TO OPEN THE MAIN CITY GATE. IT'S ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF MY BIG ESCAPE PLAN
HOW IS FUMBLES DOING?
ANY SERIOUS WOUNDS?
KEY ELEMENTS OF
WHAT?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, THACO I'VE HEALED HIS HIT POINTS, BUT..
HIS MIND IS BROKEN HE WON'T SAY ANYTHING
GODS
I'LL TASTE HIS SCREAMS FOR THIS.

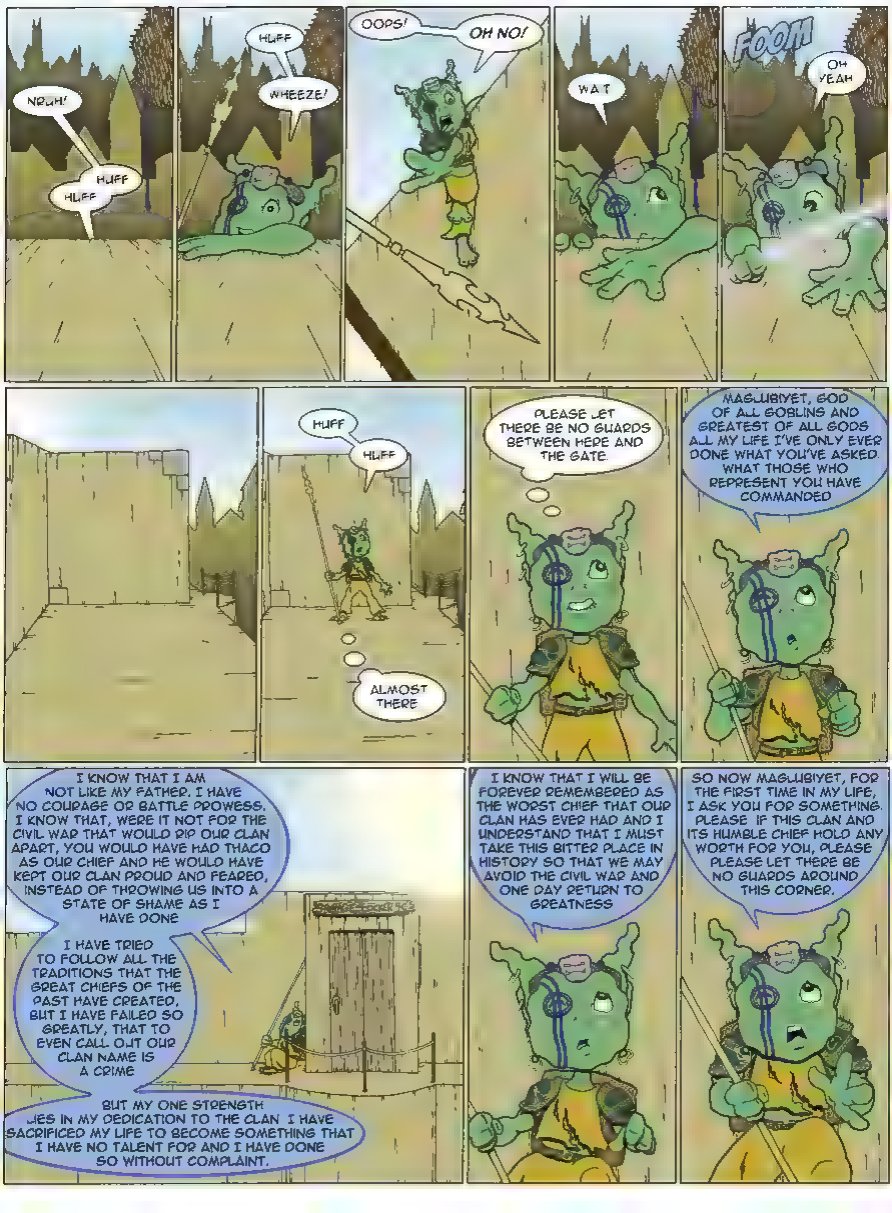
THWP
THWP
THWP
LOOK OUT!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TEK
TEK
MOVE IT, YOUNGLING!
TOK
TEK
AAH!
TOK
THUK
TEK


COMPLAINS!
TAK
TAK
TEK
UH!
TEK
TEK
TEK

SO WHAT'S THIS BIG PLAN OF YOURS?
I HAVE TO GO BACK INTO THE CITY
WHAT?! WHY?
SHHH, I'M THINKING
SO WHAT, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT? AS SOON AS YOU LEAVE THIS COVER, YOU'LL DIE BEFORE
THE HELL?
OKAY, LISTEN UP SINCE WE'VE TAKEN COVER, THE CROSSBOWS ARE SLOWING DOWN, BUT IN A MOMENT, THE GOBLIN SLAYER SHOULD ORDER HIS MEN TO COMPLETELY HOLD THEIR FIRE AS SOON AS HE DOES, YOU TWO TAKE FUMBLES AND HEAD FOR A SEWER GRATE
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WOULD THE GOBLIN SLAYER ORDER...
THE GRATES HERE IN THE COURTYARD ARE BOLTED SHUT SO TO FIND ONE THAT'LL OPEN, YOU'LL HAVE TO DART DOWN ONE OF THESE BACK STREETS ONCE IN THE SEWERS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXIT THE CITY
NO WAY, THACO! WE ARE NOT SPLITTING UP ANYMORE THAN WE ALREADY HAVE!
DON'T WORRY, EARS. IF MY PLAN WORKS, WE'RE ALL GETTING OUT OF HERE ALIVE.
AND HE SHALL KEEP US SAFE
GOBLIN


HEY
IS YOUR PLAN GOING TO WORK?
NNN!
NO
TEK
TEK
TEK

I DON'T BELIEVE IT
IS THAT ?
IT CAN'T BE
HEY
THERE!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!
THE GODS ARE SMILING AT ME TODAY
GO! GO!
NYA!
HUFF
HUFF


NRUH!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHEEZE!
OOPS!
OH NO!
WAT
FOOM
OH YEAH
HUFF
HUFF
ALMOST THERE
PLEASE LET THERE BE NO GUARDS BETWEEN HERE AND THE GATE
MAGLUBIYET, GOD OF ALL GOBLINS AND GREATEST OF ALL GODS ALL MY LIFE I'VE ONLY EVER DONE WHAT YOU'VE ASKED. WHAT THOSE WHO REPRESENT YOU HAVE COMMANDED
I KNOW THAT I AM NOT LIKE MY FATHER. I HAVE NO COURAGE OR BATTLE PROWESS. I KNOW THAT, WERE IT NOT FOR THE CIVIL WAR THAT WOULD RIP OUR CLAN APART, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD THACO AS OUR CHIEF AND HE WOULD HAVE KEPT OUR CLAN PROUD AND FEARED, INSTEAD OF THROWING US INTO A STATE OF SHAME AS I HAVE DONE
I HAVE TRIED TO FOLLOW ALL THE TRADITIONS THAT THE GREAT CHIEFS OF THE PAST HAVE CREATED, BUT I HAVE FAILED SO GREATLY, THAT TO EVEN CALL OUT OUR CLAN NAME IS A CRIME
BUT MY ONE STRENGTH LIES IN MY DEDICATION TO THE CLAN. I HAVE SACRIFICED MY LIFE TO BECOME SOMETHING THAT I HAVE NO TALENT FOR AND I HAVE DONE SO WITHOUT COMPLAINT.
I KNOW THAT I WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED AS THE WORST CHIEF THAT OUR CLAN HAS EVER HAD AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST TAKE THIS BITTER PLACE IN HISTORY SO THAT WE MAY AVOID THE CIVIL WAR AND ONE DAY RETURN TO GREATNESS
SO NOW MAGLUBIYET, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I ASK YOU FOR SOMETHING. PLEASE. IF THIS CLAN AND ITS HUMBLE CHIEF HOLD ANY WORTH FOR YOU, PLEASE PLEASE LET THERE BE NO GUARDS AROUND THIS CORNER.

LOOK THERE! TWO GOBLINS ARE ESCAPING W TH THE PRISONER! WE HAVE TO ACT NOW!
YOU HEARD THE CAPTAIN, HE ORDERED A CEASE FIRE
WHY, BECAUSE HE SEES A ONE-EARED GOBLIN THAT MIGHT BE THACO?
THE CAPTAIN S OBSESSION WITH THACO THE GOBLIN IS GETTING OUT OF HAND AND IT'S GOING TO COST US.

SERGEANT MORRIS, YOU'RE IN CHARGE WHILE I'M DOWN THERE
SIR, SURELY YOU MUST SEE HOW ODD IT IS FOR THACO THE GOBLIN TO APPROACH US ALONE LIKE THIS
THERE'S NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE LEADERS OF TWO ARMIES MEETING BEFORE A BATTLE.
YOU THREE BOWMEN WILL ACCOMPANY ME
YES, BUT IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS SOME KIND OF TRAP TO LURE YOU OUT THERE.
THAT'S IMPOSSIB
YOU SIX BOWMEN WILL ACCOMPANY ME.
I MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEND SOMEONE ELSE DOWN THERE TO NEGOTIATE
I'M NOT GOING DOWN THERE TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIM, I'M GOING DOWN THERE TO KILL HIM.
AND IT'S GOING TO BE ME WHO KILLS HIM, NO ONE ELSE
I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE BRASSMOON HISTORY REMEMBERING HIM AS THE ONE GOBLIN THAT I COULDN'T KILL
YOU MEN WILL COME WITH ME AS WELL.
HERE YOU STAY ON THE WALL WITH KIN
ME SIR?
SHIT WOULDN'T SOMEONE ELSE BE BETTER? I MEAN YOUR MONSTER SLAVE HAS ALWAYS REALLY CREEPED ME OUT...
SOMEONE NEEDS TO HOLD ONTO KIN'S LEASH AND YOU'RE THE LEAST LIKELY TO BE USEFUL IF THERE'S A TRAP DOWN THERE, SO STOP WHINING
AS LONG AS SOMEONE IS HOLDING THE MAGICAL LEASH, SHE CAN'T COMMIT A VIOLENT ACT

AH!
!!?
BOO
GAHAAH!
CRA-SHNCKLE
AUG '08

THACO
BLEED FOR ME
AAAAHHHH!
HUFF
YOU GOT OLD
I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED YOUR RACE HAS A LIFESPAN OF ONLY THIRTY WINTERS AND SO YOU AGE FASTER

THACO, YOU'VE BEEN AN ANNOYING SLIVER IN MY CAREER, BUT NOW THAT YOU
I'M HERE TO CHALLENGE YOU TO A ONE ON ONE FIGHT TO THE DEATH JUST YOU AND ME
I'M A HIGH LEVEL RANGER THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT ME ON YOUR OWN
YOU KNOW THAT
SO I THINK IT'S FAR MORE LIKELY THAT THIS IS NOT A REAL CHALLENGE AND IS INSTEAD, SOME SORT OF TRAP
WHAT'S THE MATTER, THACO? YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D SPOT YOUR TRAP? DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE IT COMING?
SIGH
OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP, YOU MORON! STOP CONGRATULATING YOURSELF FOR NOTICING THE OBVIOUS!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU KNOW AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE ALL YOU CAN DO IS WALK INTO THE TRAP YOU SEE, YOU ONLY HAVE TWO CHOICES RIGHT NOW YOU EITHER ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE, KNOWING THAT IT'S A TRAP
OR YOU CAN ORDER YOUR MEN TO SHOOT ME DOWN RIGHT NOW AND IF YOU THOUGHT THAT I WAS CAUSING YOUR CAREER PROBLEMS BEFORE, JUST WAIT UNTIL THE RUMOURS FLY ABOUT HOW THE MIGHTY GOBLIN SLAYER WAS AFRAID TO FIGHT ONE ELDERLY GOBLIN WHO OPENLY CHALLENGED HIM TO A DUEL.
ALRIGHT THACO, YOU KEEP PLAYING YOUR LITTLE GAME OF CHESS OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING I'LL JUST KEEP CUTTING OFF PIECES OF YOU AND ADDING THEM TO MY TROPHY COLLECTION
AND I'LL KEEP BURNING THAT COLLECTION DOWN.

THOSE TWO GOBLINS TOOK THE PRISONER DOWN THAT WAY, SO THE GOBLIN ARMY MUST BE HIDDEN AT THE END OF RED STREET
SHOULD WE SEND A MESSENGER DOWN TO TELL THE CAPTAIN?
NO, HE'S ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS ORANGE BOYFRIEND
ALRIGHT MEN, WE'RE GOING TO BATTLE!
BUT SERGEANT GREYLESS, THE CAPTAIN WILL HAVE YOU EXECUTED!
NOT IF I SAVE THIS CITY HE WON'T
I'LL FIGHT YOU THACO, BUT NOT HERE SOMEWHERE WHERE THIS TRAP OF YOURS CAN'T TOUCH ME
AND SOMEWHERE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE THE FIGHT, I SUPPOSE
YES, WHEN EVERYONE SEES ME BEHEAD YOU, I'LL HAVE PROVEN THAT NO MONSTER CAN EVER ESCAPE MY DUNGEONS!
THERE
UP THERE, SIR?
HALF THE CITY CAN SEE THE TOP OF MY STATUE FROM THEIR HOMES IT'S PERFECT
ALRIGHT, THACO WILL CLIMB THE STATUE'S STAIRS BEHIND ME AND YOU MEN WILL CLIMB BEHIND HIM IF HE DOES ANYTHING OTHER THAN CAREFULLY AND POLITELY CLIMB THOSE STAIRS, IT MEANS THAT HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE, SO KILL HIM
Y'KNOW, WE COULD JUST SHOOT THACO THE GOBLIN IN THE BACK AND SAY THAT HE WAS TRYING TO RUN
ARE YOU KIDDING? I WANT TO SEE THIS FIGHT

RED STREET
21ST STREET
HOW'S YOUR BROKEN ARM DOING?
BETTER, THANKS TO YOUR HEALING, BUT IT STILL HAS VERY LITTLE STRENGTH. KINDA FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN HEALED INTO A MESSED UP SHAPE OR SOMETHING.
NO SEWER GRATES? I HOPE CHIEF IS DOING BETTER THAN WE ARE
HE'S OUR CHIEF. HE KNOWS HOW TO KEEP IT TOGETHER
ONE THING! I ASKED YOU FOR ONE THING IN MY WHOLE LIFE OF BEING A PEBBLE FOR YOU TO KICK AROUND! DO YOU FIND THIS FUNNY?! AS A GOD, DOES THIS MAKE YOU LAUGH?!
AND ANOTHER THING! WHAT WAS THE POINT OF HAVING ME POKE OUT MY FREAKIN EYE?! DID YOU THINK THAT DEPTH PERCEPTION WAS GETTING IN MY WAY OF BEING CHIEF?!
I'M TALKIN TO YOU!
YEAH, I GUESS SO
DAMMIT, THIS IS A DEAD END WHO BUILT THIS PLACE?
IS THERE A SEWER GRATE?
JUST ONE
THIS WOUND IN MY SIDE IS KILLING ME. I JUST NEED TO REST FOR A MOMENT, THEN WE CAN BACKTRACK OUT OF HERE
NO
NO WE CAN'T
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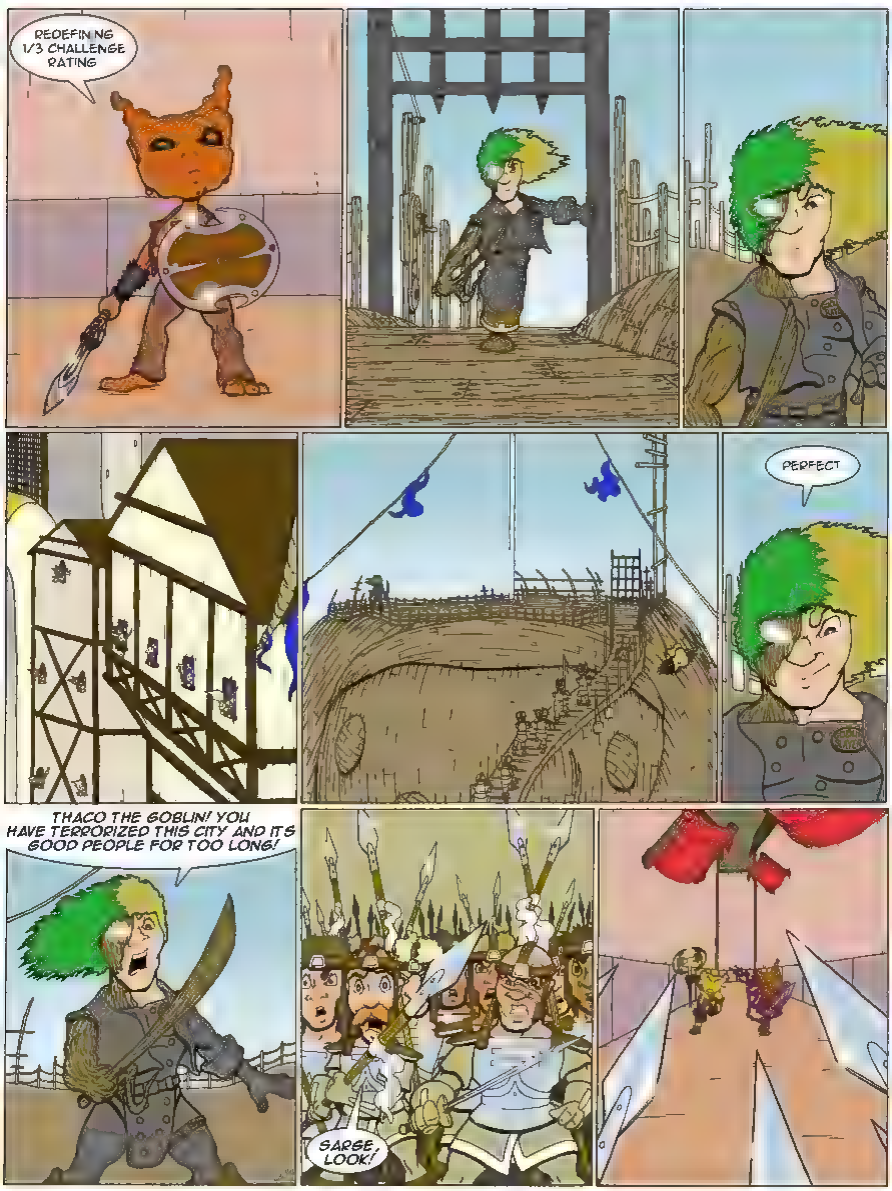
ALRIGHT MEN, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY GOBLINS ARE IN THERE! COULD BE TWENTY, COULD BE TWO HUNDRED
THESE CREATURES ARE A DISEASE, INCAPABLE OF MORAL TRAITS LIKE BRAVERY, SELF SACRIFICE OR HONOUR!
THEY UNDERSTAND ONLY RAGE AND SELFISHNESS!
BUT WHEN WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF THIS BATTLE, FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY, YOU REMEMBER ONE THING ABOVE ALL ELSE! YOU REMEMBER *WHAT THEY ARE*!
BUT UNDERNEATH ALL OF THAT FILTH, UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING THAT THEY ARE, IS A MERE 1/3 CHALLENGE RATING! AND I'LL BE *DAMNED* IF I'M GOING TO HAND OVER *MY* CITY TO SOMETHING AS WEAK AND PATHETIC AS 1/3 CHALLENGE RATING!
ARE YOU *WITH* ME MEN!
YEAH! YEAH! YEAH! YEAH!
WE'RE GOING TO DIE, AREN'T WE?
YEAH
WE'RE GONNA DIE
WHAT ARE YOU *DOING*?


REDEFINING 1/3 CHALLENGE RATING
PERFECT
THACO THE GOBLIN! YOU HAVE TERRORIZED THIS CITY AND ITS GOOD PEOPLE FOR TOO LONG!
SARGE, LOOK!

I AM DELLYN GOBLINSLAYER! CAPTAIN OF THE ELITE GUARD AND HERO OF BRASSMOON!
CRACK
THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT ME!
SHIIING
I KNOW THAT
CHUP

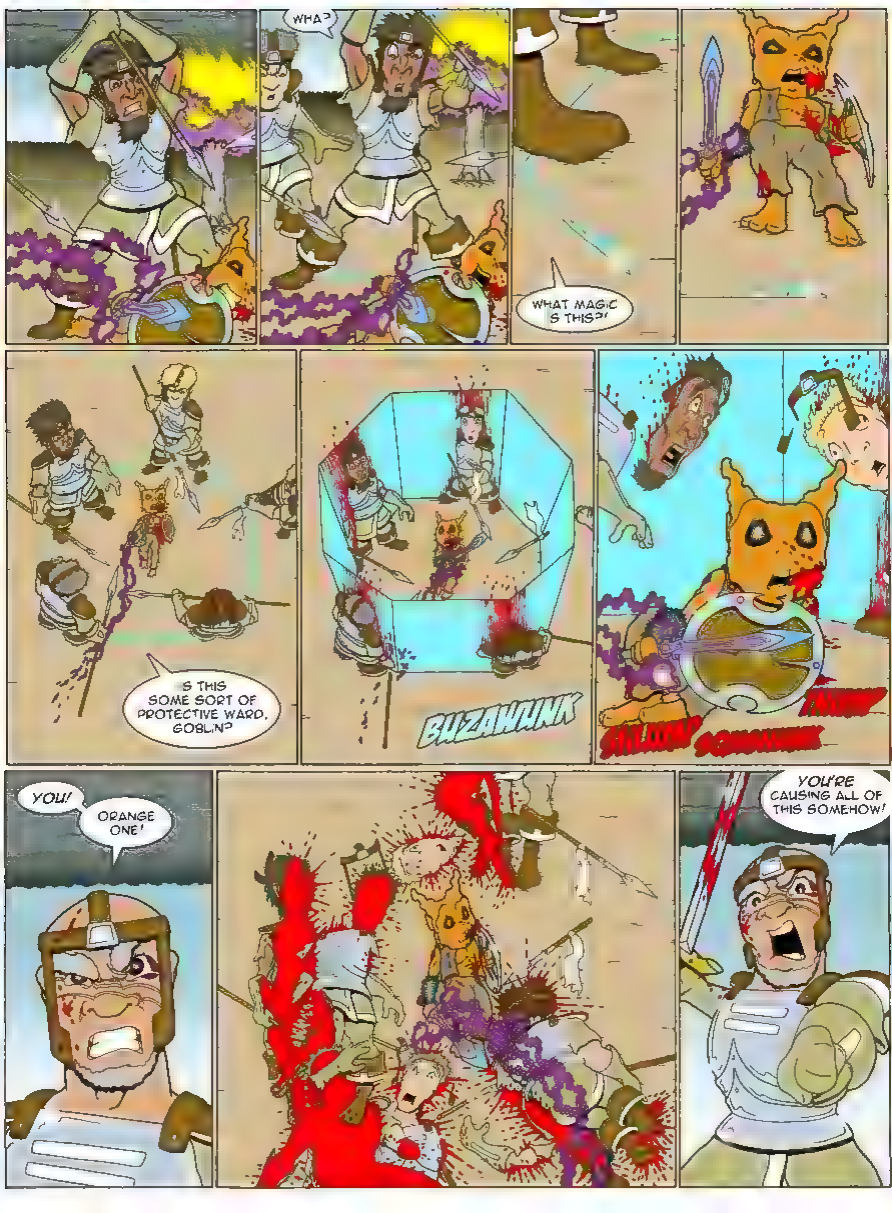
TH
DAE
CA-CLICK
SH-CLUNKS
FADDA!
RED STREET
RED ST

THUMP
WHAT DID IT DO THAT FOR? I MEAN, WHAT WAS THE POINT OF COMING UP HERE IF IT DIDN'T PLAN ON FIGHTING?
GASP
SIR, WHAT'S WRONG?
SIR, THACO THE GOBLIN'S RUNNING BACK INTO THE CITY! SHOULD WE GO AFTER IT?
SIR?

CLANK
SNAP
GRUNGH
AAHHHH!
CA-CLANG
GAH!
CLANK
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!
CRACKOOM
CLUNK
CLANK
AAH!
FWOOOSH
SUSH
FAWOOM
FWOOSH
AH!
CA-LUNK
HNAAAA!

SHUUKK
GASP
CHOKE
SLIKK
YAHH!
SERGEANT!
SERGEANT, HELP!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO
MEEEE!?
AAH!
CHUK CHUK CHUK
THWUMP
THUP
NYAAAAH!
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT IN THE NINE HELLS IS GOING ON HERE?


WHA?
WHAT MAGIC IS THIS?!
IS THIS SOME SORT OF PROTECTIVE WARD, GOBLIN?
BUZAWUNK
YOU!
ORANGE ONE!
YOU'RE CAUSING ALL OF THIS SOMEHOW!

RAAAH!
SERGEANT! HELP ME!
OH GODS! PLEASE NO!
AAAAH!
NOOO! AAH!
IT HURTS!
HAAH!
CALIC
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

WHAT'S THIS? MAGIC ARMOUR?
CALIC
MORE BLUE WALLS? WHEN DOES THIS EFFECT STOP?
BUZAWUNK
UHN!
YOU MEN TAKE DOWN THAT GIANT, UNDEAD THING! YOU AND YOU GO AFTER THE ORANGE GOBLIN!
CALIC
THE GIANT IS COMING THIS WAY!
NNN!
CALIC
YELLOW GOBLIN!
LET US SEE WHOSE MAGIC ARMOUR IS MORE POWERFUL.
HUFF
AH!
HUFF
AGAIN?
AW, COME ON!

BUZZAWUNK
AAH!
HUFF
THEY'RE GETTING HARDER TO DODGE THE REFLEX SAVES ARE GETTING MORE DIFFICULT
THE ORANGE ONE IS USING SOME KIND OF RANDOM MAGIC, ISN'T HE?
CALIC
WELL GUESS WHAT
I RANDOMLY WORKED IN MY FAVOUR
CALIC
CALIC
CALIC
WHAT'S THE MATTER GOBLIN?
GETTING SCARED?
CALIC
HA
HA
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CALIC
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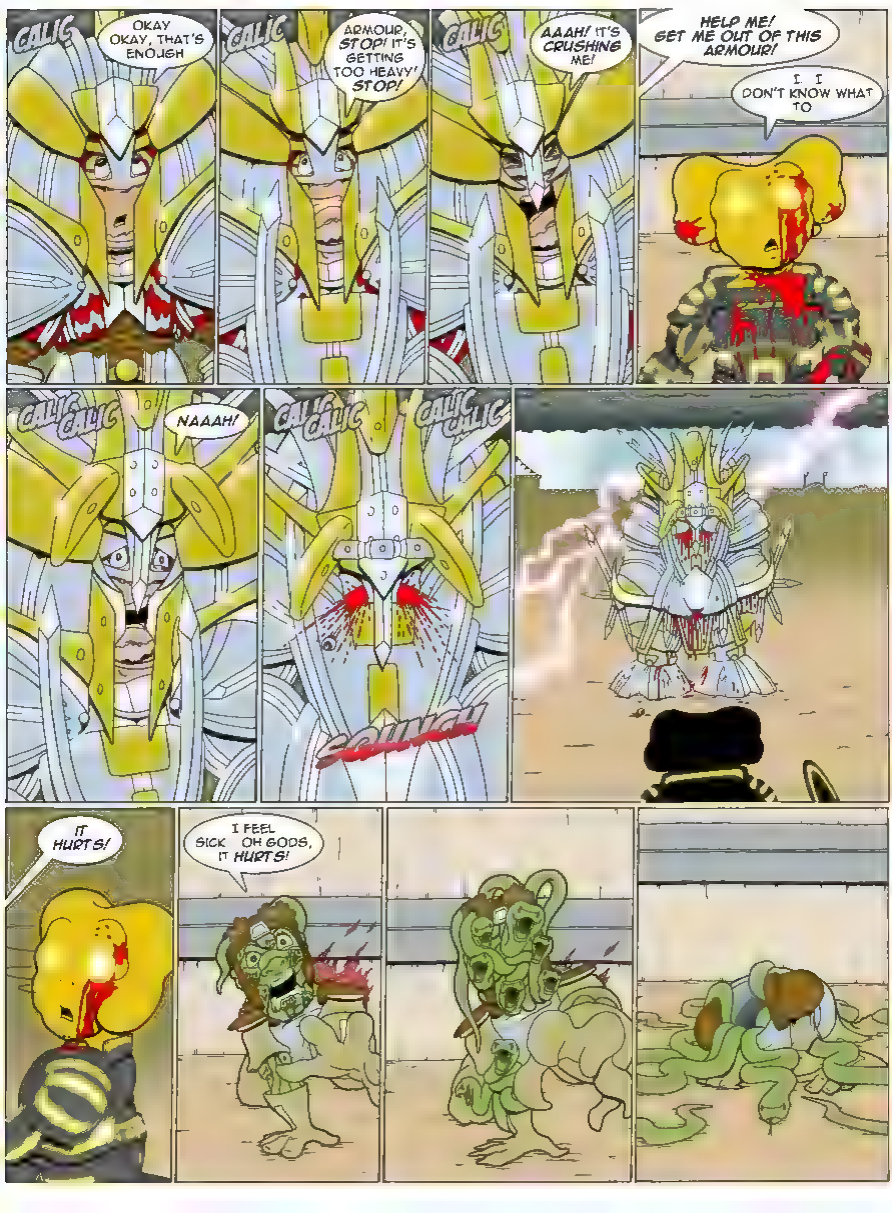
CALIC
HEH
HEH.
UH


CALIC
OKAY OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH
ARMOUR, STOP! IT'S GETTING TOO HEAVY! STOP!
AAAH! IT'S CRUSHING ME!
HELP ME! GET ME OUT OF THIS ARMOUR!
I, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
NAAAH!
CRUNCH
IT HURTS!
I FEEL SICK OH GODS, IT HURTS!

BUZAWLINK
COFF
WITH THIS WOUND, I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS WALL DODGING.
NOW! GET IT BEFORE IT SUMMONS MORE OF THAT BLUE PROTECTIVE STUFF!
THE SHIELD GLOWS WHENEVER SOMEONE STRIKES IT! IT HAS TO BE WHAT'S CAUSING ALL OF THESE STRANGE MAGICS!
GET AROUND AND WE'LL FLANK IT!
GIVE UP AND LOWER THE MAGIC SHIELD, GOBLIN! YOU CAN'T WIN! THE BIGGER CREATURES ALWAYS KILL THE SMALLER CREATURES, IT'S JUST THE NATURE OF THE WORLD!
THWUMP
SONOVA CRAP!
SONOVA CRAP!

YOU HIT THE SHIELD, DIDN'T YOU!
I DIDN'T TOUCH THE SHIELD!
WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE...
BUZAWUNK
HUUUUUU!
SHLUK
HRUUUUU!
SHLUK
SHLUK
SHLUK
HOWUUUUUU!
SHLUK
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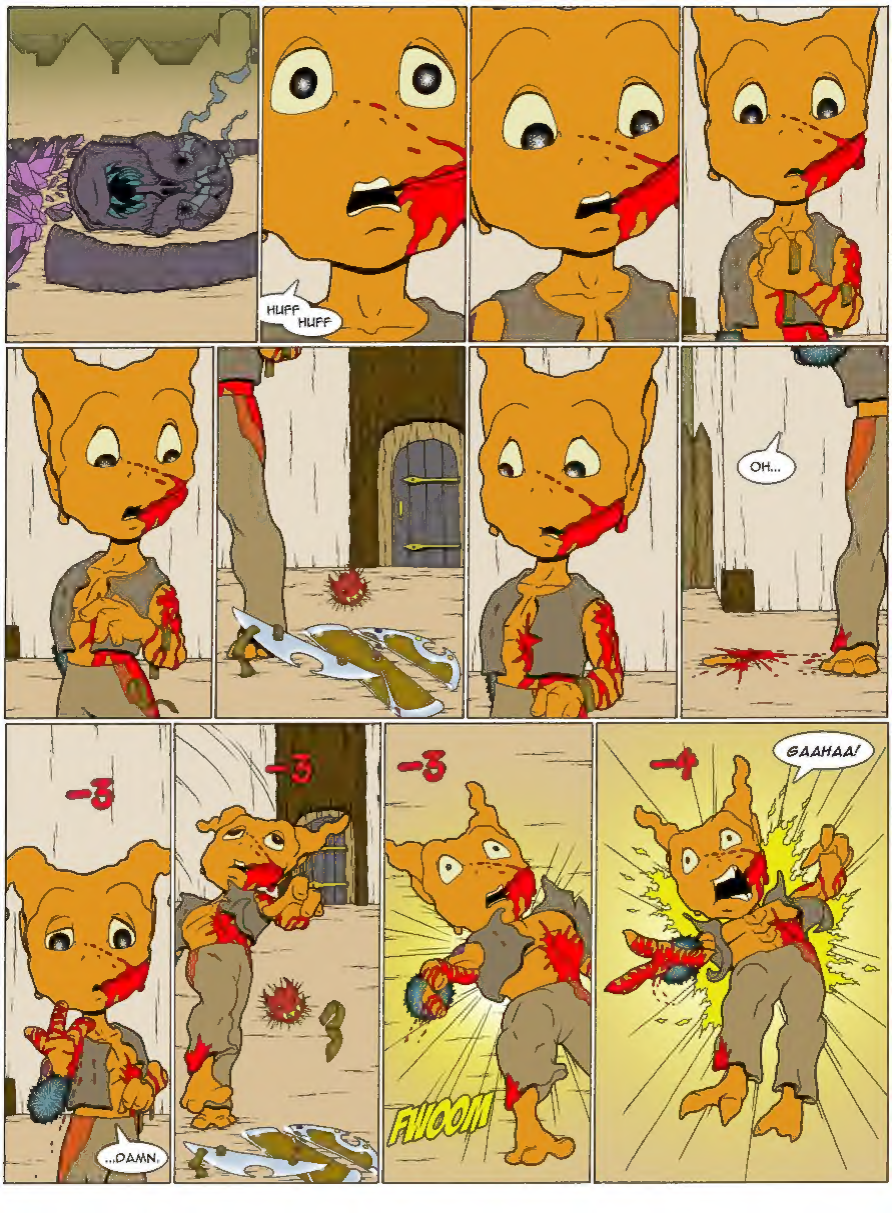
TWANG


HUFF
HUFF
OH...
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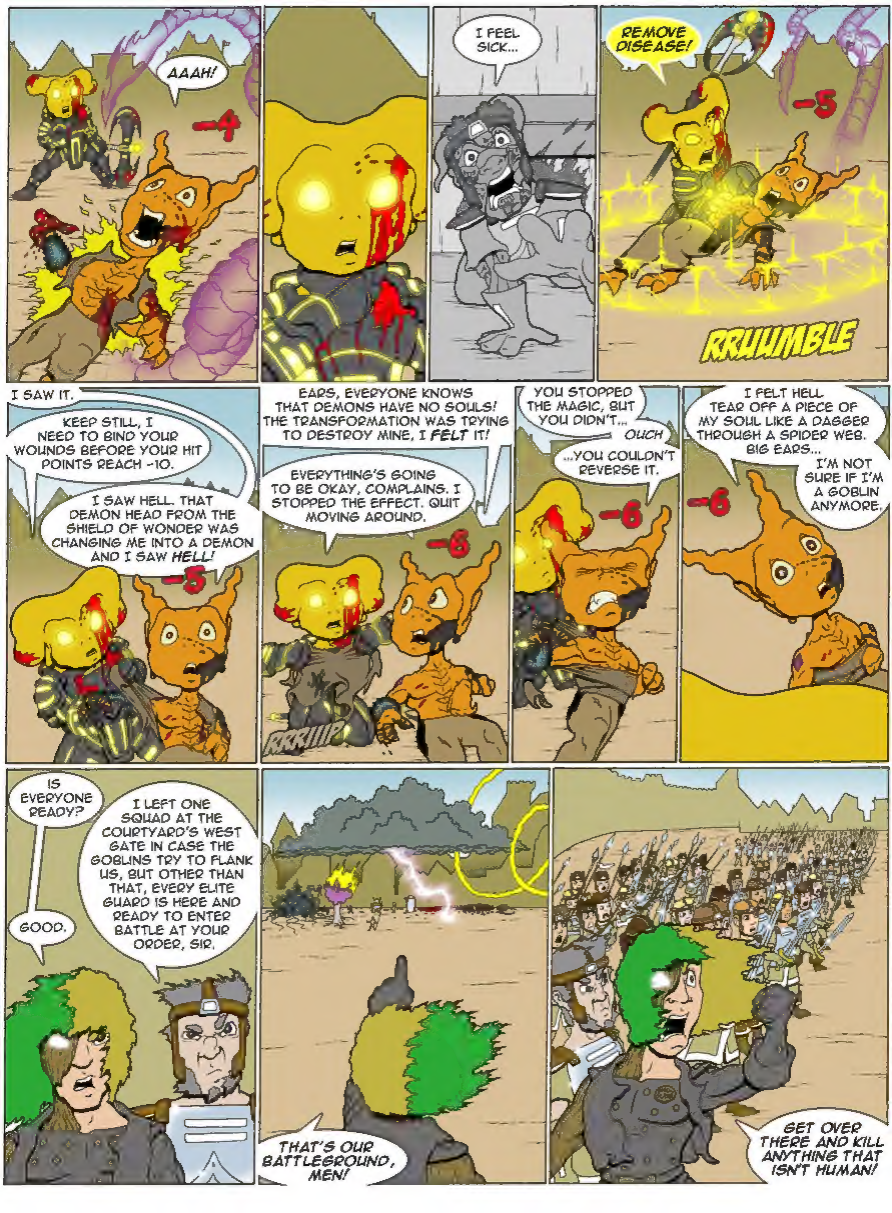
...DAMN.
FWOOM
-4
GAAHAA!


AAAH!
-4
I FEEL SICK...
REMOVE DISEASE!
-5
RRUUMBLE
I SAW IT.
KEEP STILL, I NEED TO BIND YOUR WOUNDS BEFORE YOUR HIT POINTS REACH -10.
I SAW HELL. THAT DEMON HEAD FROM THE SHIELD OF WONDER WAS CHANGING ME INTO A DEMON AND I SAW HELL!
-5
EARS, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT DEMONS HAVE NO SOULS! THE TRANSFORMATION WAS TRYING TO DESTROY MINE, I FELT IT!
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY, COMPLAINS. I STOPPED THE EFFECT. QUIT MOVING AROUND.
-6
YOU STOPPED THE MAGIC, BUT YOU DIDN'T...
OUCH
...YOU COULDN'T REVERSE IT.
-6
I FELT HELL TEAR OFF A PIECE OF MY SOUL LIKE A DAGGER THROUGH A SPIDER WEB. BIG EARS...
I'M NOT SURE IF I'M A GOBLIN ANYMORE.
-6
IS EVERYONE READY?
GOOD.
I LEFT ONE SQUAD AT THE COURTYARD'S WEST GATE IN CASE THE GOBLINS TRY TO FLANK US, BUT OTHER THAN THAT, EVERY ELITE GUARD IS HERE AND READY TO ENTER BATTLE AT YOUR ORDER, SIR.
THAT'S OUR BATTLEGROUND, MEN!
GET OVER THERE AND KILL ANYTHING THAT ISN'T HUMAN!